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SUBJECT: ASAT TALKS: RESTRICTED MEETING JUNE 13, 1978

1. MEETING IN RESTRICTED COMPOSITION (BUCHHEIM AND YORK
WITH KHESTOV AND MAYORSKIY) AFTER PLENARY MEETING JUNE 13,
1978 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION OF TITLE OF TALKS FOR USE IN
PRESS RELEASE.

2. U.S. SIDE SUGGESTED THAT THE EFFORT TO DEVISE A
MUTUALLY-SATISFACTORY TITLE BE DISCONTINUED IN RECOGNITION
OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS NO REAL NEED FOR A TITLE: A
PRESS RELEASE CAN SIMPLY BE TITLED "PRESS RELEASE"
AND THE CHARACTER OF THE DISCUSSIONS CAN BE DESCRIBED

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IN THE TEXT OF THE RELEASE.

3. IT WAS AGREED TO SET UP A SMALL WORKING GROUP TO
PREPARE A DRAFT OF A "NO TITLE" PRESS RELEASE.

4. REFERRING TO KHESTOV'S ADVOCACY IN THE PLENARY
MEETING (SEE ASAT-0008) OF DEVELOPMENT AT AN EARLY DATE

OF AN INITIAL AGREEMENT PROHIBITING HOSTILE ACTS AGAINST SPACE OBJECTS, BUCHHEIM ASKED KHLESTOV WHETHER HIS MENTION OF "AN EARLY DATE" MEANT DURING THE CURRENT ROUND OR DURING THE NEXT ROUND. KHLESTOV SAID HE DEFINITELY MEANT DURING THE NEXT ROUND. THIS REPLY WAS MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF KHLESTOV'S DISCUSSION OF AN UNDERTAKING IN THE FORM OF A TREATY OR SOME OTHER SIGNED INSTRUMENT. THE NOTION OF SOME OTHER KIND OF RECORD (E.G., UNILATERAL DECLARATIONS) HAS NOT ARISEN.

5. CONCERNING TENTATIVE TIMING OF A NEXT ROUND, KHLESTOV SAID THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD NEED TIME TO STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF THE MATTER AND WOULD HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR SUMMER VACATIONS, AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT WANT TO MEET UNTIL AFTER SUMMER, PERHAPS NOT EARLIER THAN OCTOBER.

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